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THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, RIDER! FOR--
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THE INSULT THAT MADE A MAN OUT OF "MAC"

HEY! QUIT KICKING THAT SAND IN OUR FACES!
THAT MAN IS THE WORST NUISANCE ON THE BEACH
LISTEN HERE. I'D SMASH YOUR FACE···ONLY YOU'RE SO SKINNY YOU MIGHT DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY.
THE BIG BULLY! I'LL GET EVEN SOME DAY
OH DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU, LITTLE BOY!
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LATER
WHAT! YOU HERE AGAIN? HERE'S SOMETHING I OWE YOU!
OH, MAC! YOU ARE A REAL MAN AFTER ALL!
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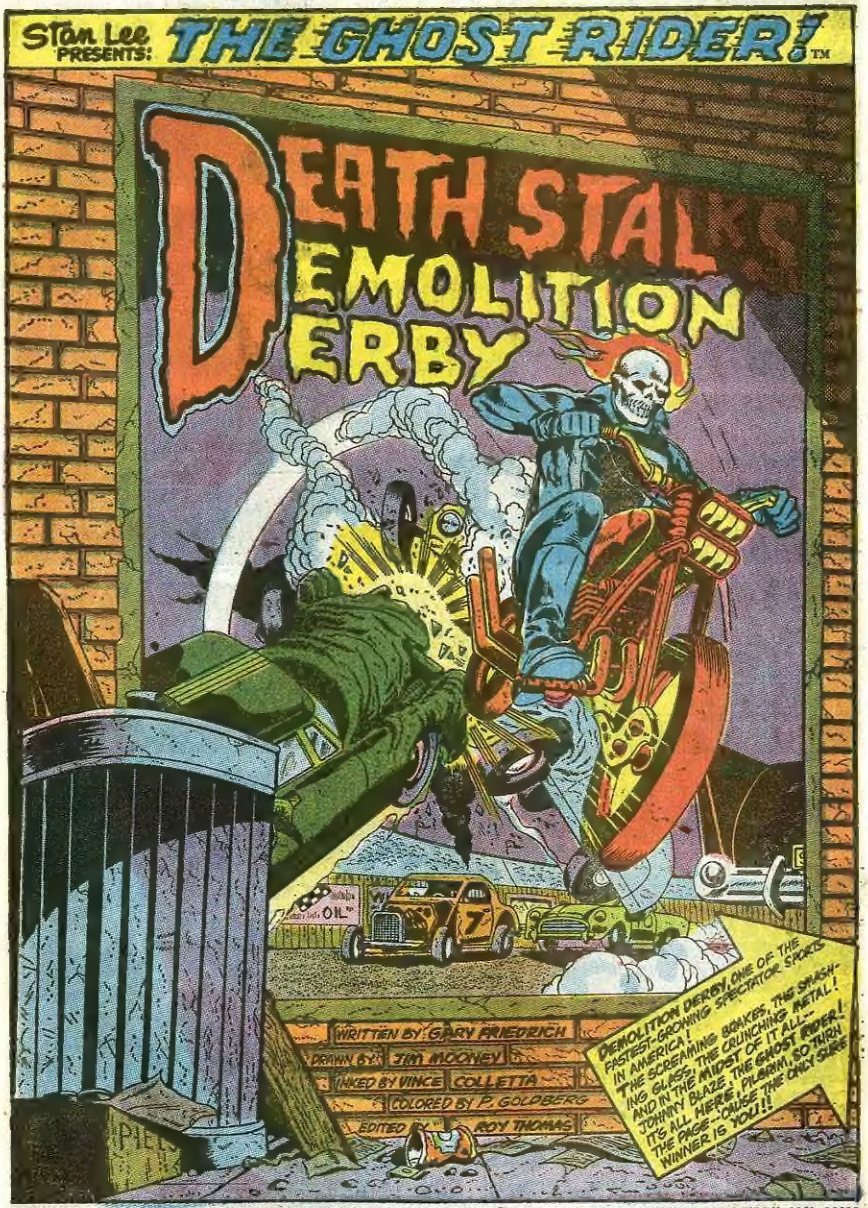
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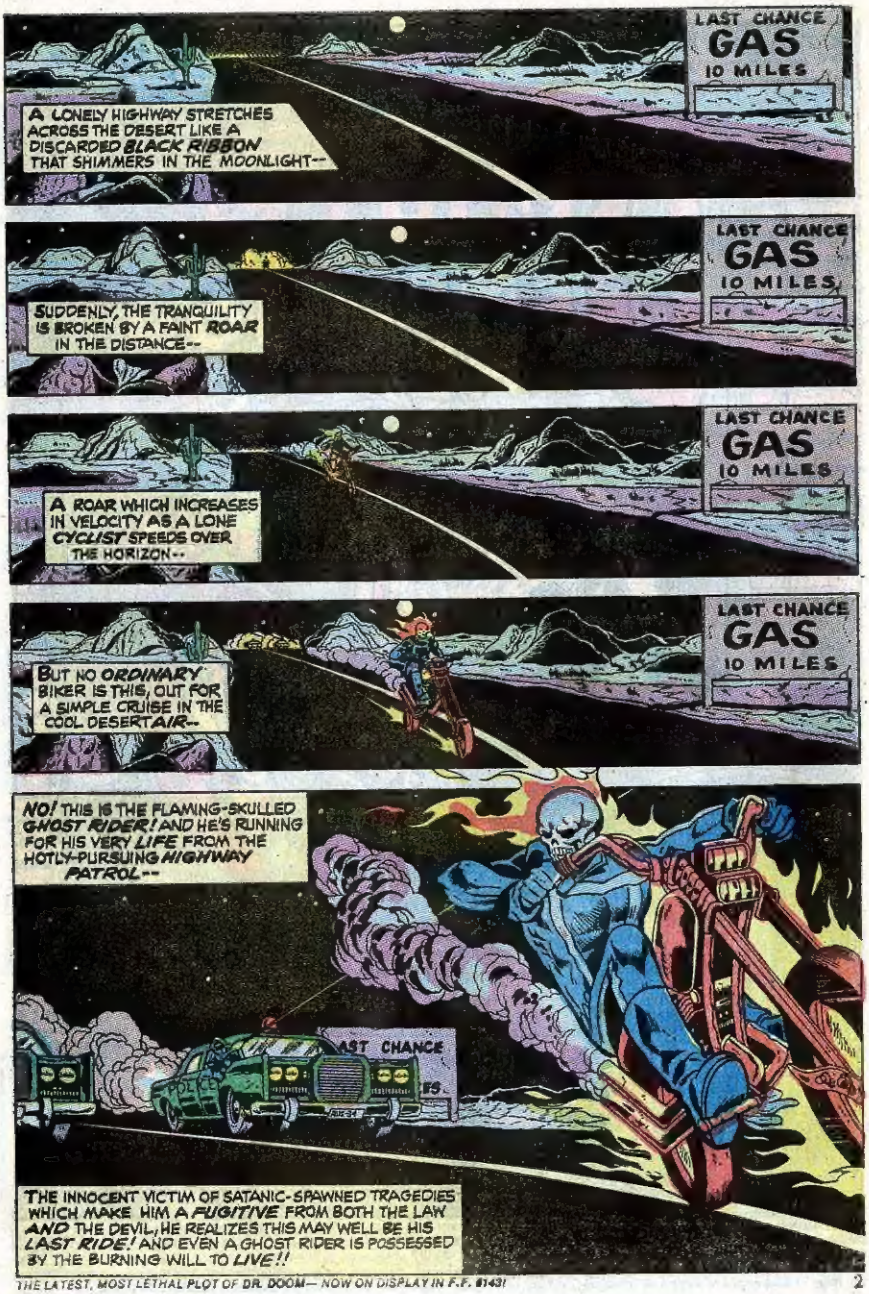
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LAST CHANCE GAS 10 MILES
SUDDENLY, THE TRANQUILITY IS BROKEN BY A FAINT ROAR IN THE DISTANCE--
LAST CHANCE GAS 10 MILES
A ROAR WHICH INCREASES IN VELOCITY AS A LONE CYCLIST SPEEDS OVER THE HORIZON--
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BUT NO ORDINARY BIKER IS THIS, OUT FOR A SIMPLE CRUISE IN THE COOL DESERT AIR--
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NO! THIS IS THE FLAMING-SKULLED GHOST RIDER! AND HE'S RUNNING FOR HIS VERY LIFE FROM THE HOTLY-PURSUING HIGHWAY PATROL--
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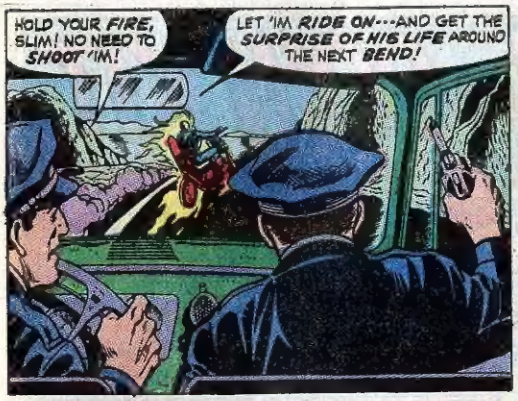

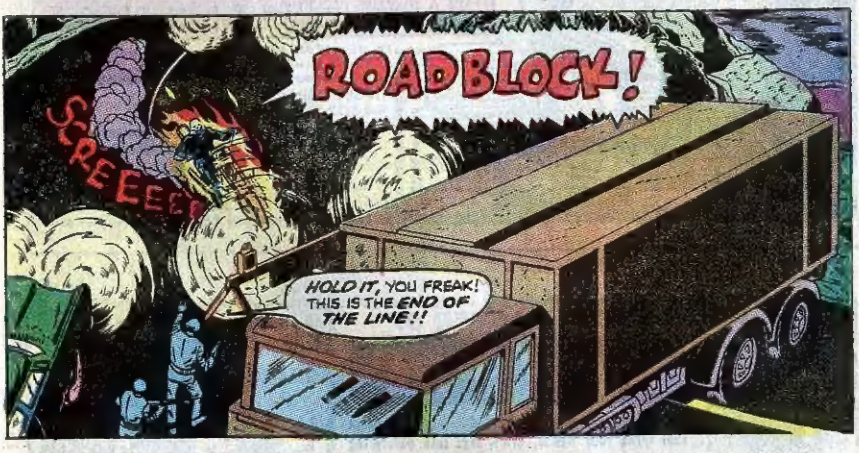

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MADE IT! NOW I CAN TEAR OUT ACROSS THE DESERT--
--AND THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN FOLLOW ME! LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOTTEN AWAY AGAIN!
HE'S HEADING CROSS COUNTRY! INITIATE SPECIAL HOT PURSUIT--AND MAKE IT FAST!
HE DIDN'T BARGAIN FOR THIS! ANYWHERE HE CAN GO--WE CAN GO!
THIS HOPPED-UP DUNE BUGGY'LL RUN 'IM SMACK INTO THE GROUND, AND THAT'S A PROMISE!
P. D.
FREE AND CLEAR! GOOD THING I'VE HAD LOTS OF MOTO-CROSS EXPERIENCE; THOUGH! THIS IS ROUGH RIDING!
VROOOOMMM
WHAT THE DEVIL'S THAT?! NO WAY THEY COULD BE ON MY TAIL!
OH YES THERE IS! MUST'VE HAD IT HIDDEN IN THE TRUCK! NOW I'M IN FOR THE CHASE OF MY LIFE!

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BUT I'M NOT FINISHED! THERE ARE STILL PLACES A BIKE CAN GO--
--THAT A DUNE-BUGGY CAN'T!!
BUT EVIDENTLY THAT HILL WASN'T ONE OF THEM!
HAVE TO THINK-- COME UP WITH A WAY TO SHAKE THEM--AND I BELIEVE I SEE IT JUST AHEAD!
WATCH IT! HE'S GONNA JUMP THAT GULLY!
I KNOW I CAN MAKE IT--BUT IF THEY CAN, I'M IN BIG TROUBLE!
YOU MUST BE CRAZY! THIS HEAP'S TOO HEAVY TO GET OVER!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! HANG ON, CHARLIE, 'CAUSE WE'RE MAKIN' THE JUMP!!
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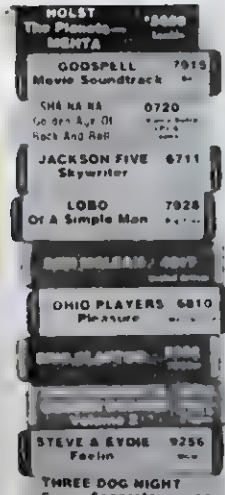

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I MIGHT'VE KNOWN IT! GOOD THING MY LUCK'S ALL BAD--
--OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY LUCK AT ALL! BUT WHAT DO I DO NOW?!
JUST ONE CHANCE! SINCE I CREATED THE CYCLE WITH MY SATANIC POWERS--
--I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT DISAPPEAR JUST AS EASILY!
IT'S WORKING --BUT HAVE TO KEEP CONCENTRATING!
THAT'S IT--IT'S ALMOST GONE!
THERE HE GOES--HEADIN' STRAIGHT TOWARD A DEAD END!
NOT EVEN THE GHOST RIDER CAN JUMP THE CANYON AT THE TOP!
NOW I'LL JUST HIDE BEHIND THESE ROCKS--AND LET THEM TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ME!
WHERE'D HE GO? NOT A SIGN OF 'IM!
HE COULDN'T HAVE JUMPED! BUT HE COULDN'T HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR, EITHER!
AS YOU SAW IN OUR FIRST
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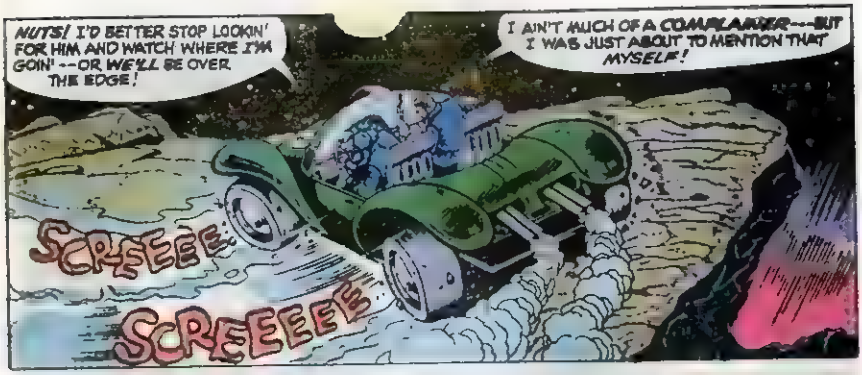
NUTS! I'D BETTER STOP LOOKIN' FOR HIM AND WATCH WHERE I'M GOIN' --OR WE'LL BE OVER THE EDGE!
I AIN'T MUCH OF A COMPLAINER---BUT I WAS JUST ABOUT TO MENTION THAT MYSELF!
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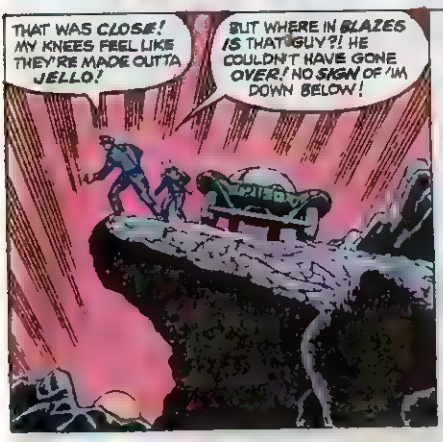
THAT WAS CLOSE! MY KNEES FEEL LIKE THEY'RE MADE OUTTA JELLO!
BUT WHERE IN BLAZES IS THAT GUY?! HE COULDN'T HAVE GONE OVER! NO SIGN OF 'IM DOWN BELOW!

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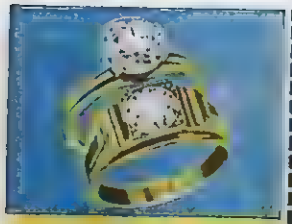

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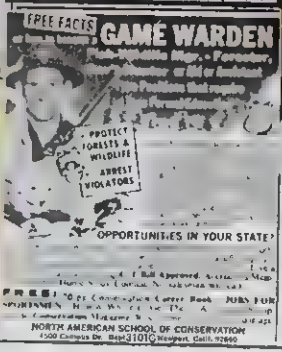

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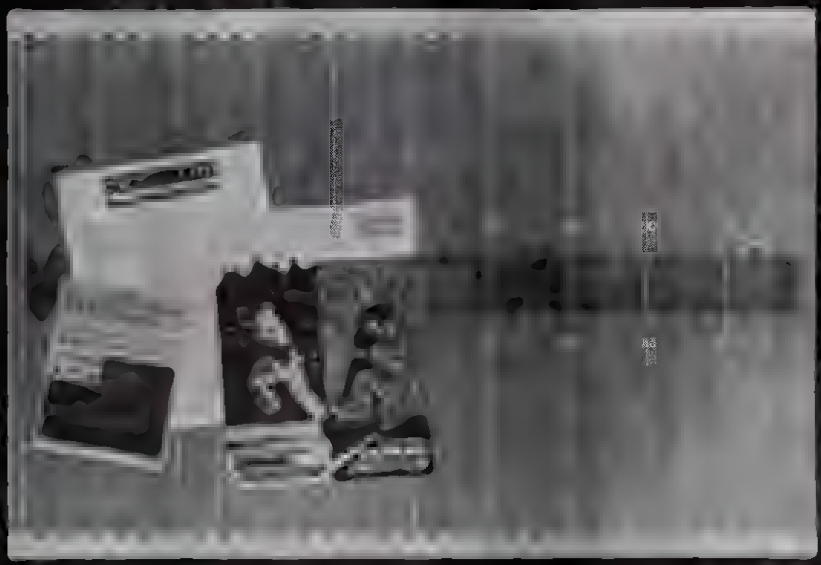

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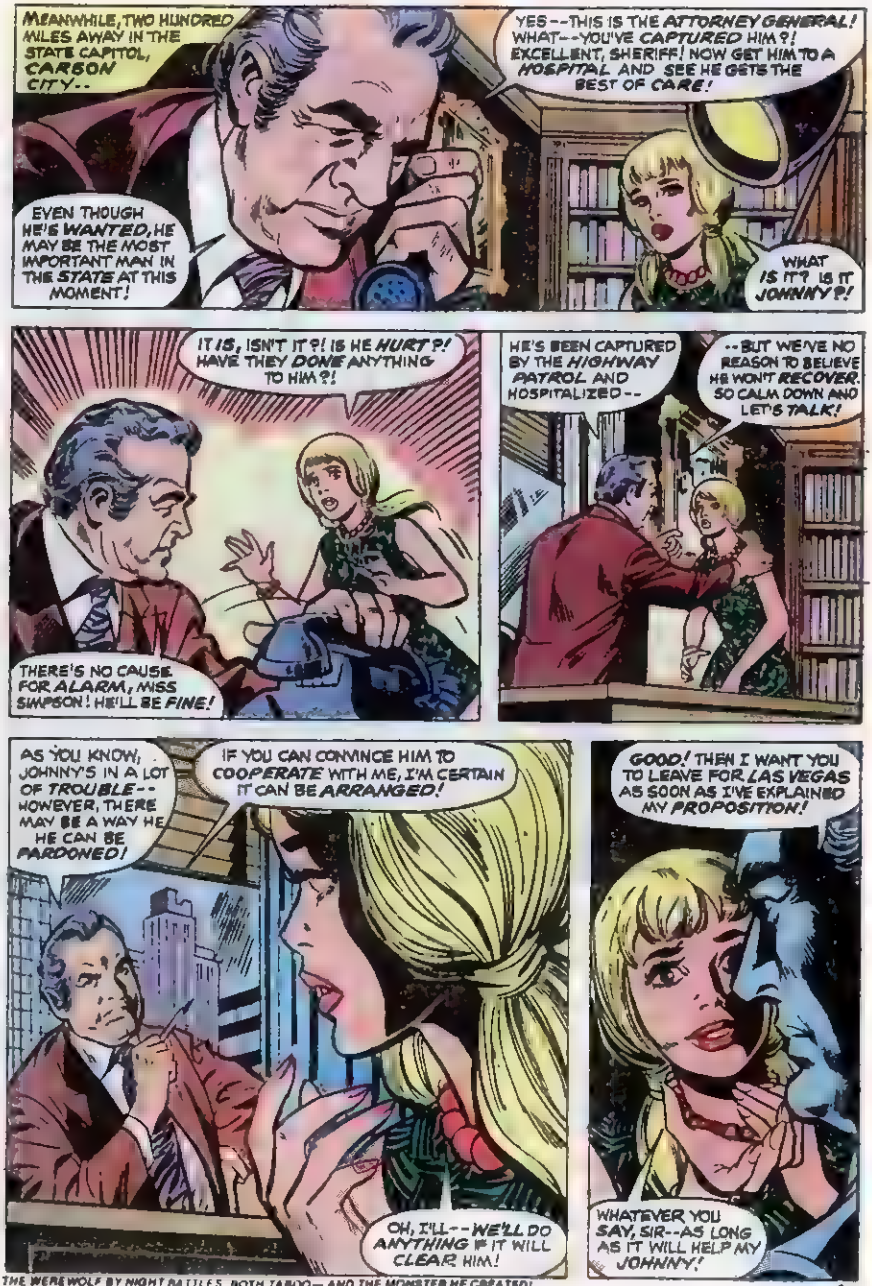
MEANWHILE, TWO HUNDRED MILES AWAY IN THE STATE CAPITOL, CARSON CITY--
EVEN THOUGH HE'S WANTED, HE MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN IN THE STATE AT THIS MOMENT!
YES--THIS IS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL! WHAT--YOU'VE CAPTURED HIM?! EXCELLENT, SHERIFF! NOW GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL AND SEE HE GETS THE BEST OF CARE!
WHAT IS IT? IS IT JOHNNY?!
IT IS, ISN'T IT?! IS HE HURT?! HAVE THEY DONE ANYTHING TO HIM?!
THERE'S NO CAUSE FOR ALARM, MISS SIMPSON! HE'LL BE FINE!
HE'S BEEN CAPTURED BY THE HIGHWAY PATROL AND HOSPITALIZED--
--BUT WE'VE NO REASON TO BELIEVE HE WON'T RECOVER. SO CALM DOWN AND LET'S TALK!
AS YOU KNOW, JOHNNY'S IN A LOT OF TROUBLE--HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE A WAY HE CAN BE PARDONED!
IF YOU CAN CONVINCE HIM TO COOPERATE WITH ME, I'M CERTAIN IT CAN BE ARRANGED!
OH, I'LL--WE'LL DO ANYTHING IF IT WILL CLEAR HIM!
GOOD! THEN I WANT YOU TO LEAVE FOR LAS VEGAS AS SOON AS I'VE EXPLAINED MY PROPOSITION!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, SIR--AS LONG AS IT WILL HELP MY JOHNNY!

THE WEREWOLF BY NIGHT BATTLES BOTH TABOO— AND THE MONSTER HE CREATED!

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AND, AT THAT MOMENT 'N A LAS VEGAS HOSPITAL --
YOU KNOW HOW LUCKY YOU ARE TO BE ALIVE, BOY?!
IF I HAD MY WAY, WE'D HAVE JUST GUNNED YOU DOWN--SAVE THE TAXPAYERS MONE
YOU OLD FOOL OF A POLICE SERGEANT--IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SO ARREST-HAPPY, I WOULDN'T BE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
BOY, YOU NEED TO LEARN SOME RESPECT FOR THE LAW--AND I KNOW HOW TO TEACH IT TO YOU!
YOU NEED A HAND, DECKER?! BE GLAD TO GIVE IT TO 'YA!
KOK!
THAT'S IT! BE A BIG MAN AND GET YOURSELF SOME HELP!
LIKE I WAS SAYIN', BOY, YOU NEED A LESSON! GIVE 'IM A GOOD ONE, BOYS!
EASY, BOY--WE WON'T HURT YOU--WE'RE JUST GONNA HUMOR DECKER.
YEAH--HE'S SEEN "THE FRENCH CONNECTION" ONE TIME TOO MANY.
DON'T BE TOO HARD ON 'IM, BOYS! THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS HE'S V.I.P.!
HE, I'VE GOT HIS INJUN GALFRIEND DOWN AT THE STATION--AND I'M GONNA HAVE A TALK WITH HER!*
* LINDA LITTLETREES FROM THE LAST THREE ISSUES, AS IF 'YA DIDN'T REMEMBER!--R.T.

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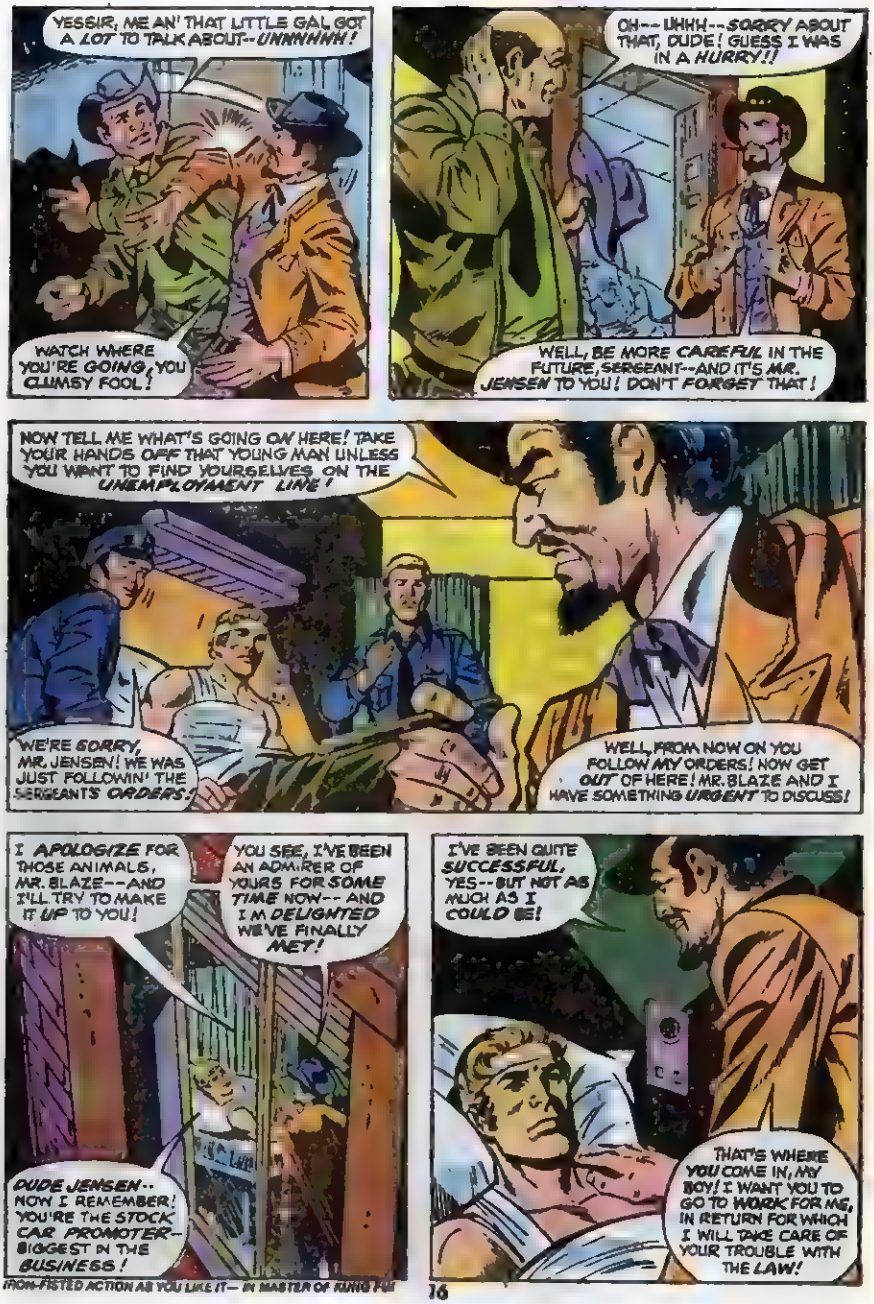
YESSIR, ME AN' THAT LITTLE GAL GOT A LOT TO TALK ABOUT--UNNNHHH!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU CLUMSY FOOL!
OH--UHHH--SORRY ABOUT THAT, DUDE! GUESS I WAS IN A HURRY!!
WELL, BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE, SERGEANT--AND IT'S MR. JENSEN TO YOU! DON'T FORGET THAT!
NOW TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON HERE! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF THAT YOUNG MAN UNLESS YOU WANT TO FIND YOURSELVES ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINE!
WE'RE SORRY, MR. JENSEN! WE WAS JUST FOLLOWIN' THE SERGEANT'S ORDERS!
WELL, FROM NOW ON YOU FOLLOW MY ORDERS! NOW GET OUT OF HERE! MR. BLAZE AND I HAVE SOMETHING URGENT TO DISCUSS!
I APOLOGIZE FOR THOSE ANIMALS, MR. BLAZE--AND I'LL TRY TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU!
YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN AN ADMIRER OF YOURS FOR SOME TIME NOW-- AND I'M DELIGHTED WE'VE FINALLY MET!
DUDE JENSEN-- NOW I REMEMBER! YOU'RE THE STOCK CAR PROMOTER-- BIGGEST IN THE BUSINESS!
I'VE BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL, YES--BUT NOT AS MUCH AS I COULD BE!
THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, MY BOY! I WANT YOU TO GO TO WORK FOR ME, IN RETURN FOR WHICH I WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR TROUBLE WITH THE LAW!

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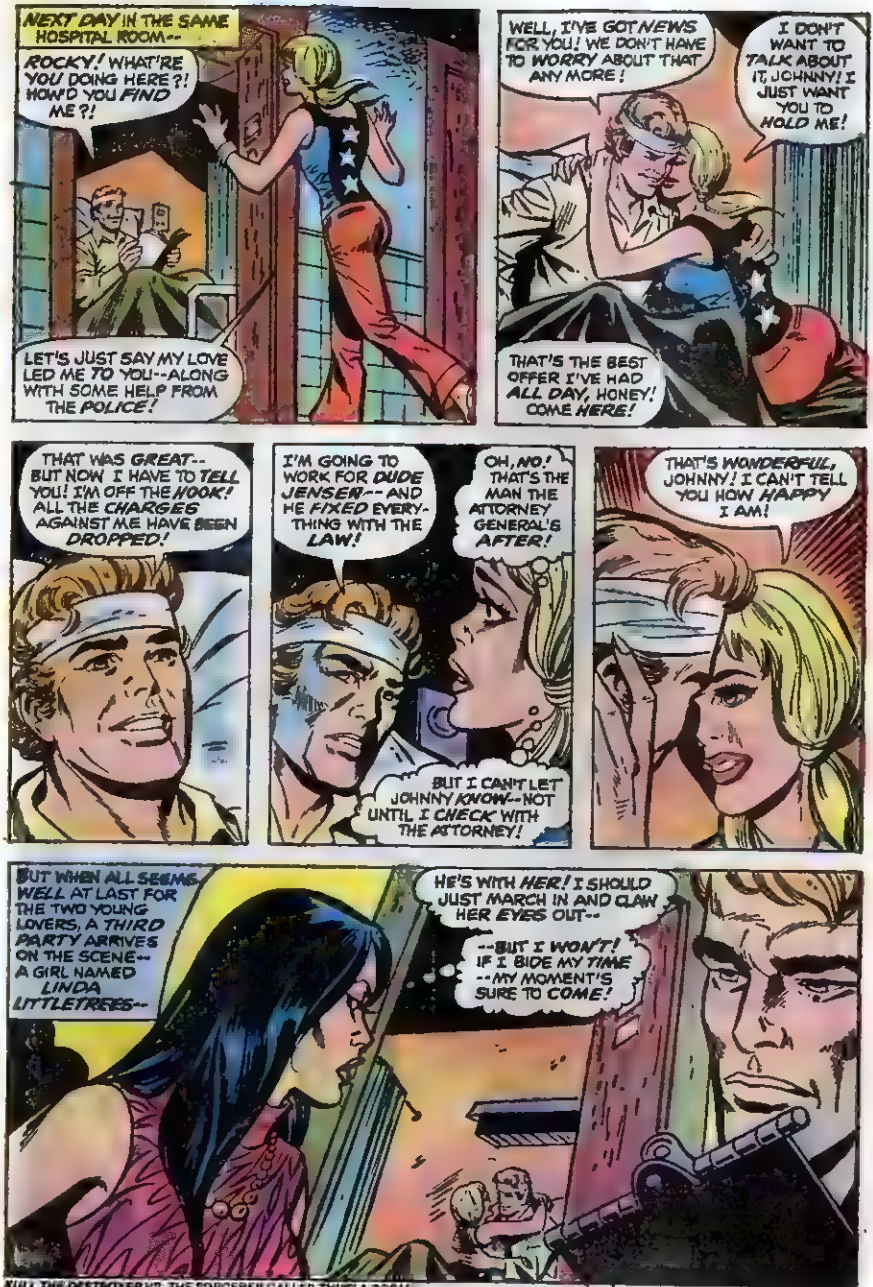
NEXT DAY IN THE SAME HOSPITAL ROOM--
ROCKY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?! HOW'D YOU FIND ME?!
LET'S JUST SAY MY LOVE LED ME TO YOU--ALONG WITH SOME HELP FROM THE POLICE!
WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU! WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT ANY MORE!
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, JOHNNY! I JUST WANT YOU TO HOLD ME!
THAT'S THE BEST OFFER I'VE HAD ALL DAY, HONEY! COME HERE!
THAT WAS GREAT--BUT NOW I HAVE TO TELL YOU! I'M OFF THE HOOK! ALL THE CHARGES AGAINST ME HAVE BEEN DROPPED!
I'M GOING TO WORK FOR DUDE JENSEN--AND HE FIXED EVERYTHING WITH THE LAW!
OH, NO! THAT'S THE MAN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AFTER!
BUT I CAN'T LET JOHNNY KNOW--NOT UNTIL I CHECK WITH THE ATTORNEY!
THAT'S WONDERFUL, JOHNNY! I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HAPPY I AM!
BUT WHEN ALL SEEMS WELL AT LAST FOR THE TWO YOUNG LOVERS, A THIRD PARTY ARRIVES ON THE SCENE--A GIRL NAMED LINDA LITTLETREES--
HE'S WITH HER! I SHOULD JUST MARCH IN AND CLAW HER EYES OUT--
--BUT I WON'T! IF I BIDE MY TIME --MY MOMENT'S SURE TO COME!

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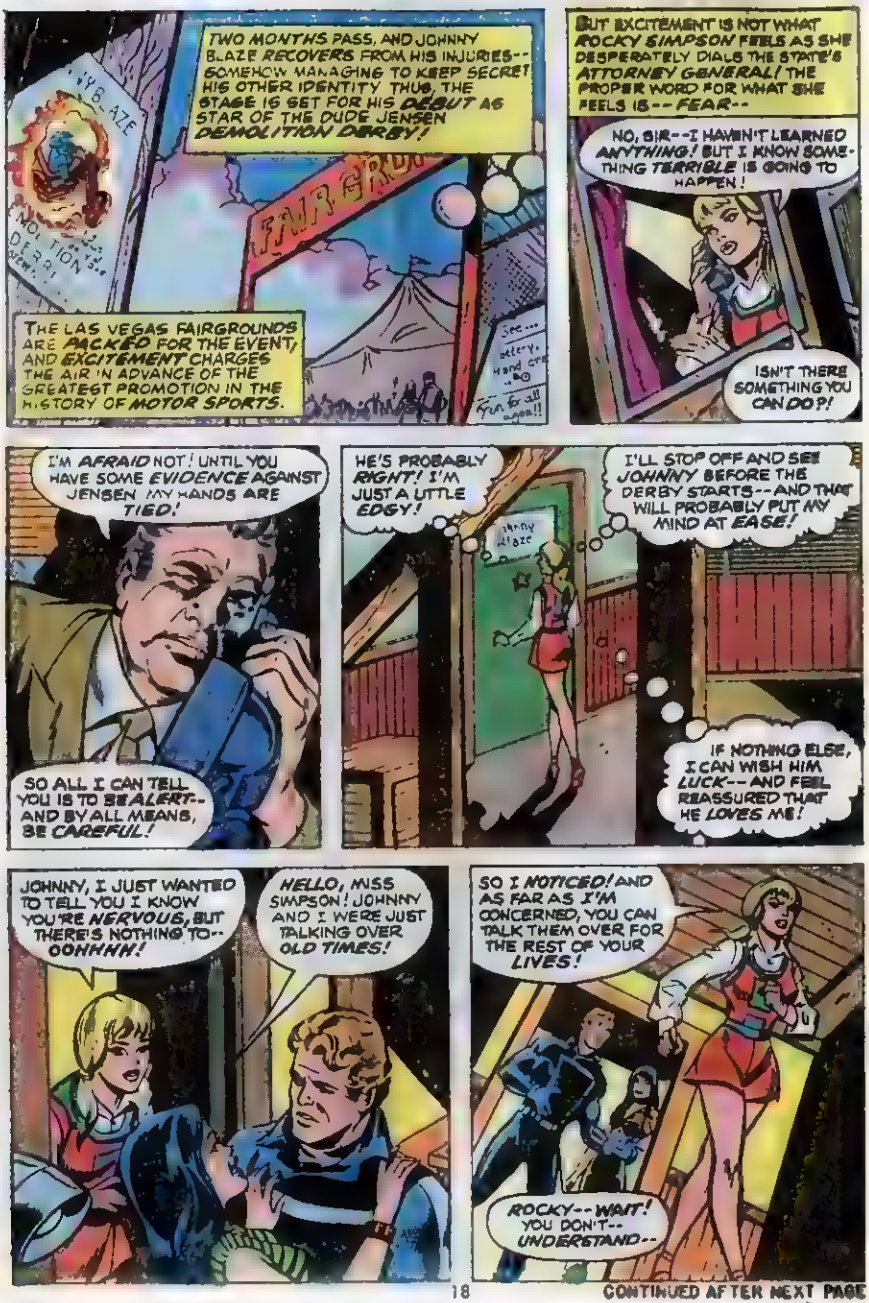
TWO MONTHS PASS, AND JOHNNY BLAZE RECOVERS FROM HIS INJURIES--SOMEHOW MANAGING TO KEEP SECRET HIS OTHER IDENTITY THUS, THE STAGE IS SET FOR HIS DEBUT AS STAR OF THE DUDE JENSEN DEMOLITION DERBY!
THE LAS VEGAS FAIRGROUNDS ARE PACKED FOR THE EVENT, AND EXCITEMENT CHARGES THE AIR IN ADVANCE OF THE GREATEST PROMOTION IN THE HISTORY OF MOTOR SPORTS.
BUT EXCITEMENT IS NOT WHAT ROCKY SIMPSON FEELS AS SHE DESPERATELY DIALS THE STATE'S ATTORNEY GENERAL! THE PROPER WORD FOR WHAT SHE FEELS IS--FEAR--
NO, SIR--I HAVEN'T LEARNED ANYTHING! BUT I KNOW SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN!
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO?!
I'M AFRAID NOT! UNTIL YOU HAVE SOME EVIDENCE AGAINST JENSEN MY HANDS ARE TIED!
SO ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS TO BE ALERT--AND BY ALL MEANS, BE CAREFUL!
HE'S PROBABLY RIGHT! I'M JUST A LITTLE EDGY!
I'LL STOP OFF AND SEE JOHNNY BEFORE THE DERBY STARTS--AND THAT WILL PROBABLY PUT MY MIND AT EASE!
IF NOTHING ELSE, I CAN WISH HIM LUCK--AND FEEL REASSURED THAT HE LOVES ME!
JOHNNY, I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU I KNOW YOU'RE NERVOUS, BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO--OOHHHM!
HELLO, MISS SIMPSON! JOHNNY AND I WERE JUST TALKING OVER OLD TIMES!
SO I NOTICED! AND AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU CAN TALK THEM OVER FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES!
ROCKY--WAIT! YOU DON'T--UNDERSTAND--

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GHOST WRITERS

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Dear Gary, Roy, and Company,

Just dropped a line mostly to say that I think giving Ghost Rider his own mag was a very good idea. I'll leave the congratulations to other people, though, as I'm going to try to win myself a no-prize. Here's how it works:

1. Your new strip slated for MARVEL SPOTLIGHT is "The Mark of Satan", a strip apparently to spotlight the Lord of the Underworld.

2. At the end of the last GHOST RIDER adventure in SPOTLIGHT, you say that G.R. #1 will be a prologue to "The Mark of Satan".

3. At the very beginning of G.R. #1, we are shown a man standing over a grave. This man's mother had apparently been under the control of Satan.

4. Later, this character is introduced as Daimon Hellstrom and is quoted as saying, "I stand determined...and to rid myself...attached to this MARK OF SATAN BIRTHMARK on my chest." This man is a demonologist/exorcist.

5. Thus, I conclude that Daimon Hellstrom is going to be a major character in "The Mark of Satan" strip.

I think that this exercise in logic has proven me worthy of a no-prize.

Glenn F. Pettry, Jr.
51 Fairview Ave.
Chicopee, Ma. 01013

That it has, Glenn. Our official thrice-cursed Satanic no-prize, delivered by Netherworld Parcel Service and scented with sulfur is on its way to you at this very moment. We'd say, "enjoy it", but we're not sure you'll even want to let it into your house.

However, one thing you and the rest of Marveldom Altogether will welcome into the abode you call your own is the new strip you so graciously plugged, Glenn—though the title has since been changed to THE SON OF SATAN— and Daimon Hellstrom is that ominous offspring.

Seriously, all kidding aside, so help us, an' what's it to ya, though—this new strip is now being handled by Steve Gerber and Jim Mooney who plan to take it out of the superhero vein and into the realm of the truly weird and bizarre. And Steve's plunged deep into a study of real, authentic-type Satanism and magic which he hopes he can incorporate into upcoming issues.

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And don't miss us, either! We'll be hoppin' back on the ol' hellbound harrowin' Harley again in the next issue of GHOST RIDER!

Till then, don't forget: the Devil's looking over your shoulder everywhere you go—and he and Santa are making their lists together this year!

Dear Gary, Jim, and Roy,

GHOST RIDER #2!!! WOW!!! FAR-OUT!!! GREAT!!!

Maybe you haven't caught on yet—but I liked it!!!

Oh, sure, there were some mistakes, but not big ones, and the art and story were so good overall, I don't think I should even mention them, even though I want a no-prize very much.

Since the story continues into MARVEL SPOTLIGHT and your new "Mark of Satan" strip will be appearing there, I guess it won't be Spidey who rescues G.R. from the Devil, huh? Too bad. I always thought they'd make a good team.

Anyway, I really enjoyed G.R. #2. Keep up the good work, and I'll be a fan for life. Well, till Johnny Blaze gets a flat, MAKE MINE MARVEL!

Tommy Anderson
Norman, Oklahoma

P.S.: Please try to be more scary in your next issue.

Actually, Tommy, our wives, neighbors, and gas station attendants think we're too scary now—and they're not even talking about our comic mags!!

Anyhoo, thanks for the good words, pal!

Dear Gary, Jim, and Roy,

GHOST RIDER #2 was awful, just awful!

Oh, it had a few good points, like the reappearance of Witch-Woman, who's one of your most beautiful—and potentially most dramatic—characters. And the splash page was excellent, also.

Unfortunately, that's where the excellence stopped.

The plot was thinner than the paper it was printed on. The dialogue was—well, let's put it this way, the "woman's liberation" confrontation between G.R. and Witch-Woman on page 11 was probably the silliest, most irrelevant, inappropriate, nonsensical bit of inane hogwash I've ever read in a Marvel mag. It was totally out of place, and even if it weren't, it was so simplistic and stupid that it ruined the rest of the mag for me. From that point on, it seemed like the soundtrack was out of synch with the pictures.

The rest of the art varied from fair to good to miserable. The scenes in Hell were the best, the scenes with the cycle gang (another hotshot plot gimmick) were the worst. Also...how come that part of the story looked like it was happening in broad daylight when we just saw the moon come up on page 12?

Ah, well, I could say much more. But most of it would be just as nasty as the rest of this letter. So why bother? I'll leave you instead with a positive thought: you can do better—I've read it!

Ira Bolterman
455 Ocean Parkway, 4-D
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Well, Ira, then we'll try to be positive in our answer, too:

Roy, Gary, and Jim are positive they had nothing to do with why you disliked the issue. The editorial assistants, the production staff, the accountants, the letterer, the colorist, and even the guy who staples the books together at the printing plant—all of them are also positive they had nothing to do with anything you found wanting.

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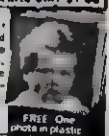

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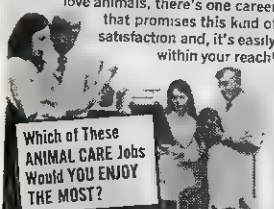

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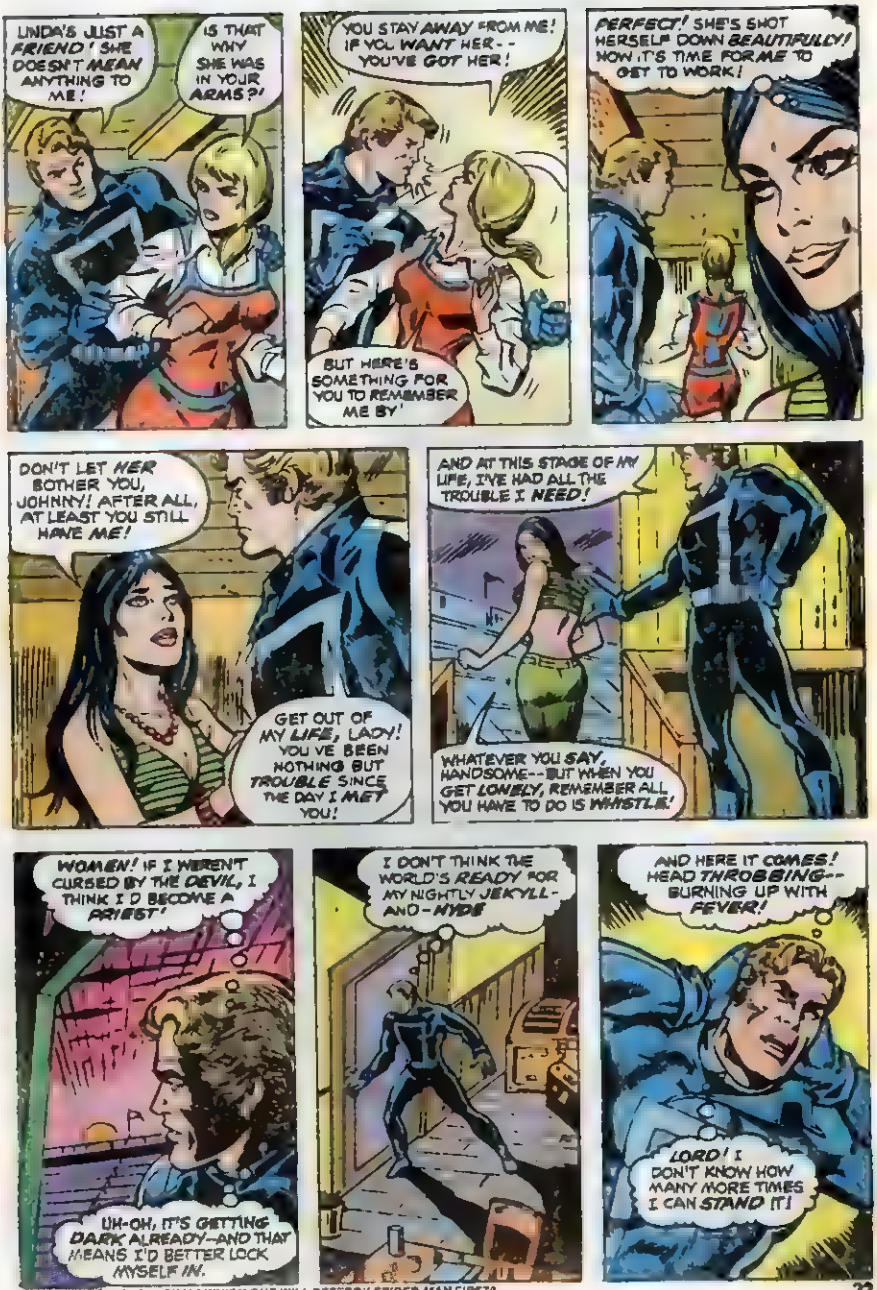
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GET OUT OF MY LIFE, LADY! YOU'VE BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE SINCE THE DAY I MET YOU!
AND AT THIS STAGE OF MY LIFE, I'VE HAD ALL THE TROUBLE I NEED!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, HANDSOME--BUT WHEN YOU GET LONELY, REMEMBER ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WHISTLE!
WOMEN! IF I WEREN'T CURSED BY THE DEVIL, I THINK I'D BECOME A PRIEST!
UH-OH, IT'S GETTING DARK ALREADY--AND THAT MEANS I'D BETTER LOCK MYSELF IN.
I DON'T THINK THE WORLD'S READY FOR MY NIGHTLY JEKYLL-AND-HYDE
AND HERE IT COMES! HEAD THROBBING--BURNING UP WITH FEVER!
LORD! I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY MORE TIMES I CAN STAND IT!

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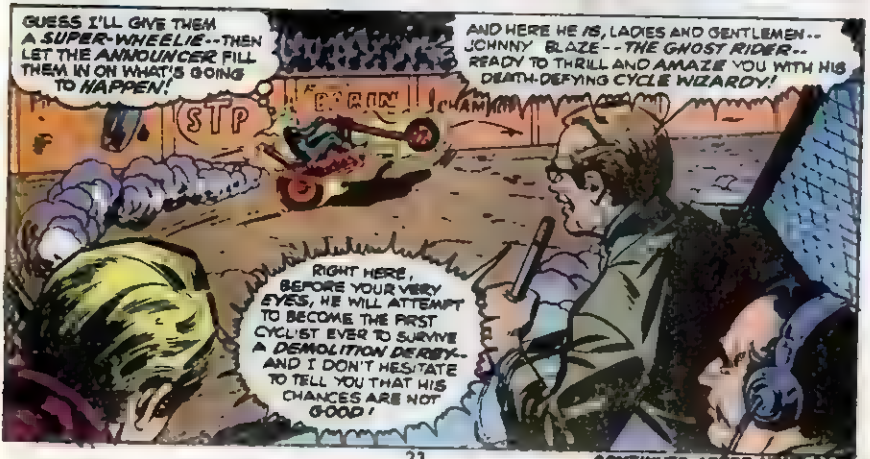
IT'S OVER AGAIN--AT LEAST UNTIL MORNING!
HAVE TO FORGET THE PAIN, CONJURE UP MY CYCLE AND GET TO WORK!
LOOK AT THE CROWD! THE PLACE IS JAMMED! LOOKS LIKE AT LEAST MY NAME IS STILL WORTH SOMETHING AT THE BOX OFFICE--IF ONLY I LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO COLLECT MY SHARE!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AND HERE HE IS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--JOHNNY BLAZE--THE GHOST RIDER--READY TO THRILL AND AMAZE YOU WITH HIS DEATH-DEFYING CYCLE WIZARDY!
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RIGHT HERE, BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES, HE WILL ATTEMPT TO BECOME THE FIRST CYCLIST EVER TO SURVIVE A DEMOLITION DERBY--AND I DON'T HESITATE TO TELL YOU THAT HIS CHANCES ARE NOT GOOD!

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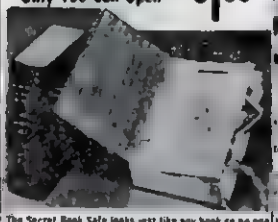

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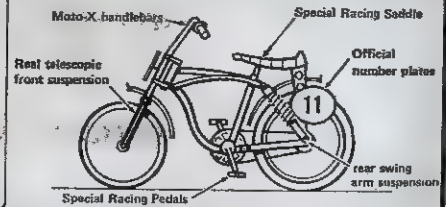

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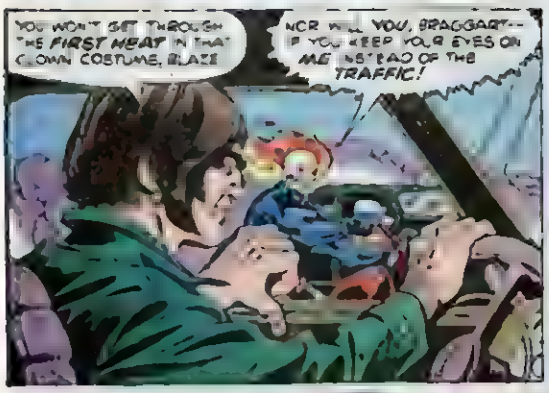
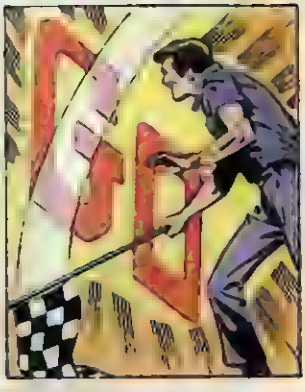
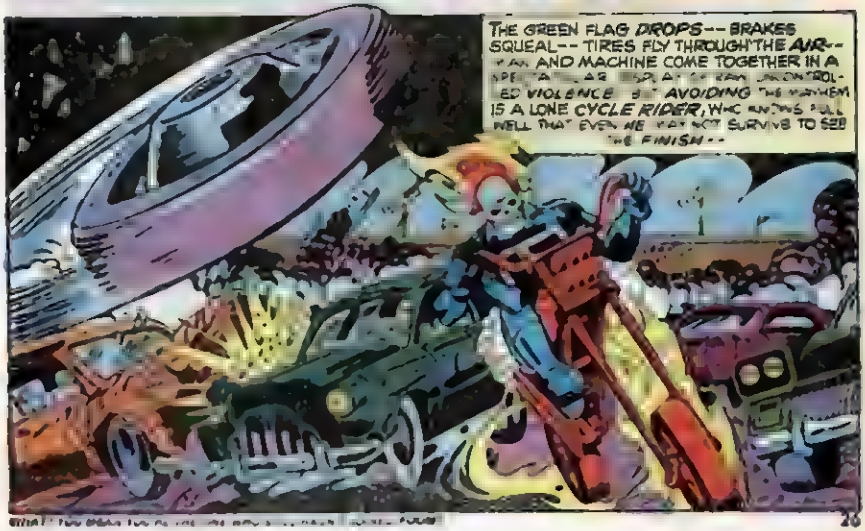

YOU WON'T GET THROUGH THE FIRST HEAT IN THAT CLOWN COSTUME, BLAZE
NOR WILL YOU, BRAGGART-- IF YOU KEEP YOUR EYES ON ME INSTEAD OF THE TRAFFIC!

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WHILE JUST OUTSIDE THE ARENA A HEART-BROKEN ROCKY SIMPSON STROLLS AIMLESSLY PAST THE PROMOTER'S TRAILER--
HE WAS WITH HER! I SAW THEM TOGETHER
NOW NOTHING ELSE MATTERS - NOT EVEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S INVESTIGATION
WE HAVE TO GET HIM. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE!
I PROMOTE THESE RACES FOR PROFIT-- AND MY DRIVERS HAVE TO WIN!
RED THOMPSON IS AN INDEPENDENT-- AND HE'S BEEN TEARING UP MY BOYS!
IT'S COSTING ME A FORTUNE -- AND HE HAS TO BE STOPPED!
MEANIN' YA WANT ME TO ARRANGE FOR 'IM TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT?!
WELL, YA CALLED THE RIGHT MAN, DUDE. HE WON'T MAKE IT THROUGH TODAY'S RACE!
I'M COUNTING ON THAT! NOW GET OUT THERE-- AND GOOD HUNTING!
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS RIGHT! JENSEN IS RUNNING A CROOKED OPERATION -- AND HE'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO KEEP IT GOING -- NOT EVEN MURDER!
HOLD IT, HONEY! YOUR EARS ARE BURNIN'! AND I GOT A FEELIN' IT AIN'T FROM THE SOUND OF THE RACES!
OOOHHH!

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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

This one's for you older Marvelites, for the True Believers who've been with us lo these many years. Remember how we used to rap about the fact that so many people thought comic-books were just for kids? And remember how I'd clue you in to Marvel's greatest crusade — to your Bullpen's vow to change that image — to give the comic-book its rightful place within the media — to have it fully accepted as one of the most powerful, most viable forms of communication the world has ever known? Remember how we'd pledge never to rest till the intellectual community bestowed upon the comic-book all the attention and the recognition it has so rightfully earned?

Well, I guess you know what I'm leading up to. We may not yet be all the way home, but we're mighty close. Never before have so many newspapermen, disc jockeys, college students, musicians, sports figures, and other assorted full-grown adult types been so fanatically tuned-in to the wondrous world of Marvel! Never before have we received such massive mountains of mail from so many campuses throughout the free world! In fact, within the past few months alone, yours truly just finished a whirlwind college lecture tour, speaking at Iowa State, Bennington College, Allegheny, Montana State, the University of Delaware, and Northwestern U., just to name a few. Never have I seen more enthusiasm, more excitement, or more ebullient interest — interest in the stories, the illustrations, the conception — everything in fact that has to do with the production and the philosophy of your friendly neighborhood Marvel mags!

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Stan

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S.L.

ITEM! All right, sahib — it's *teaser time!* See if you can guess just what this thing is, smack dab in the middle of our bombastic Bulletin Page (besides a picture of the ever-incredible *Hulk*, that is) — and why we stuck it there, anyhow!

Sorry, we can't let the cat (or ol' Greenskin) out of the bag till *next issue* — but at that time, we promise you a zingier bargain than you ever saw on "Let's Make a Deal"! And while you're waiting, why not send us your guesses as to what it is! Who knows? Even if you don't figure out quite what we're planning to lay on you come Christmastime, you're just liable to give us some far-out *new* ideas we never thought of!

ITEM! Oh, and lest we forget: Here's this month's immortal message about an upcoming epochal event in one of our mags. It's in our very own Spider-Man Code, and it goes like this:

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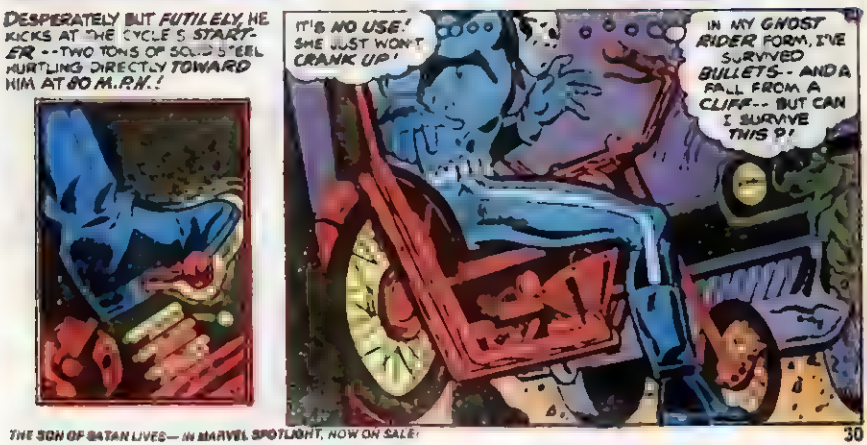
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KRAAK!
AND, AT THE LAST INSTANT, A BULLET-HOLE IN THE DRIVER'S FOREHEAD CAUSES THE CAR TO VEER--
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PEOW!
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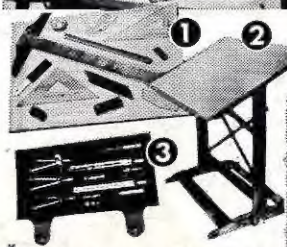

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